

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner subjected claims 1-15 to a restriction requirement. The Examiner stated that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 1-10, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 295; and
- II. Claims 11-15, drawn to the method of manufacturing a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, and subclass 3..

The Examiner required Applicant under 35 U.S.C. §121 to restrict the application to one of the above inventions.

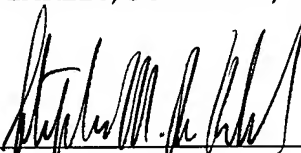
Applicant has elected Group I for prosecution on the merits, without traverse, and has accordingly cancelled claims 11-15 which were directed to Group II.

Applicant believes that the above remarks are fully responsive to the Office Action dated March 22, 2005. If the Examiner has any questions, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned by telephone at (408) 720-8300.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), Applicant hereby requests and authorizes the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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